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## At Renaissance Convention Center **SITE honors excellence at their gala farewell banquet**



ORANJESTAD - Sunday evening marked the end of a whirlwind weekend filled with activities, educational workshops and an introduction to the best of Aruba for the 250 delegates of the Society of Incentive and Travel Executives, SITE. The hosting of this important annual conference was an opportunity for the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, and Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, AHATA, to demonstrate to motivational travel executives from around the globe the island's many amenities suited to group travel and how well it can handle convention-style events.

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## The Netherlands and Aruba agree on investigation



ORANJESTAD --The Netherlands and Aruba have reached an agreement about the scientific independent investigation into Aruba's state of affairs and maintenance of law and order. Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten announced this in Oranjestad on Saturday. The State Secretary reached an agreement with the new AVP-led government the day after the cabinet had been installed. The Netherlands has already made a proposition as to the phrasing of the investigation, which will be carried out by the Dutch Scientific Investigation and Documentation Centre WODC of the Ministry of Justice. Aruba will respond to the



proposal in the coming weeks.

Prime Minister Mike Eman and Bijleveld-Schouten during a press conference on Saturday underscored the importance of cooperation in the Kingdom. Under the previous MEP government of Nelson Oduber, the relationship with the Netherlands had deteriorated. Oduber in the past had announced that he would not cooperate with a "corruption investigation." While in Aruba on Saturday, Bijleveld-Schouten had meetings with Eman, new Justice Minister Arthur Dowers and Finance Minister Mike de Meza. They mostly discussed cooperation. Parties agreed that the Netherlands will provide technical assistance and assist the Aruba police force and immigration with know-how in the coming years. It was also agreed that through project dossiers, Dutch development money can be used for urban renovation, infrastructure and education. Eman stressed during the press conference, his first as new Prime Minister which he held together with Bijleveld, that he wanted to work on a better relationship with the Netherlands, so that "also in the people in the Netherlands would see the additional value of a Kingdom relation."

The Prime Minister also indicated that he wanted to end the stricter enforcement of immigration rules applied to persons from the Netherlands that are staying in Aruba. The previous MEP government had stopped allowing Dutch persons after they had extended their 180 days stay. □



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**SITE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009 OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2**





## At Casa Tua Barcelona

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The menu consists of: Gazpacho, a Traditional Cold Spanish Tomato Soup paired with Villa Sandi Valdobbiadene Prosecco, Italy WS86 followed by a



Chorizo al Sidra which is a Spanish Sausage served in a Cider Sauce paired with Bodegas Julian Chivite, Gran Fuedo Rosé, Spain 2005 WS87. For the main course, you have the choice of Grouper 'Ballotine' which is a Grouper Fillet stuffed with crab meat along with light white butter sauce and Morels Mushrooms served with Mezzacorona Chardonnay, Italy 2007 WS87 Or The Butcher's Cut which is a Grilled Hanger Steak with a Shallots Sauce paired with Campo Viejo Gran Reserva, Rioja 2001 WS85.

The evening will culminate with a Rainbow Sabayon complimented by Mumm Demi Sec, Argentina NV.

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Aruba Tourism Authority

# Jerusha Rasmijn honored during SITE 2009



ORANJESTAD - The final festive event of the SITE International Conference 2009 was dedicated to honoring those who had demonstrated exemplary work and standards through their career with SITE. The ATA also took the opportunity during the gala dinner at the Renaissance Conference Center on Sunday evening to pay tribute to one of their own.

ATA Director Myrna Jansen-Feliciano, during her speech thanking the SITE board of directors for offering their members the opportunity this past weekend to discover Aruba, also announced the founding of the Simon "Rudito" Oduber, Jr Memorial Award.

Simon Oduber Jr. was instrumental in bringing SITE to Aruba in 1993, the first and last time Aruba hosted this event. It was the dawn of developing the MICE market, a direction for Aruba's tourism in which Simon believed in

deeply, and helped establish. He was a strong presence at the 1993 SITE event, and he dedicated himself to its success, even though he was quite ill at the time.

Convention Service Manager of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Jerusha Rasmijn, has been with the ATA for nearly twenty years, beginning as a secretary to then Director of Public Relations, Myrna Jansen-Feliciano. The assets of a strong work ethic, an unflappable, sunny disposition, and a willingness to put in the long hours that a position with the ATA demands, without complaint, soon saw her working her way up the management ladder. Director

Jansen-Feliciano expressed that Jerusha was the driving force behind making this year's SITE conference being a spectacular event, and ATA was proud to honor her as the first recipient of the Simon Oduber Jr. Memorial Award.

Attending the gala was Aruba's newly inaugurated Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, brother of Simon, who was pleased to present Jerusha with her trophy. She was speechless as she accepted it, brushing away tears at this wonderful surprise, and moved by the cheers of her colleagues for this long-deserved recognition for a job well done. Congratulations Jerusha! □



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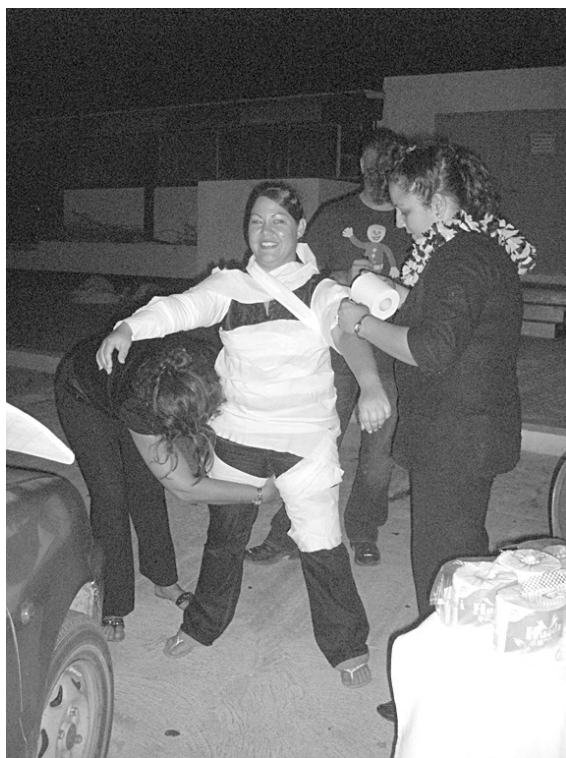


*Manager/Supervisor of the Quarter Teams*

# Aruba Marriott Celebrates Winners Of 2nd & 3rd Quarter



**PALM BEACH** – The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino recently held a fun-filled event to celebrate the Manager and Supervisor of the 1st Quarter. While the managers and supervisors rallied their way to the finish line, they celebrated



displaying Marriott's 'Spirit to Serve' the company's associates, customers and the local community.

The Manager and Supervisor of the Quarter nominees were selected after careful evaluation of their cooperation and ability to get along with peers, exceptional job performance and supervisory skills, superb attendance and punctuality, and most importantly, their having the ability to lead the resort to a higher level as it relates to attentive, courteous and exceptional service.

The 2nd Quarter 2009 Supervisor nominees included: Cheng Santosidad – At Your Service; Roberto Mac Donald – Recreation MVCI, Sandra Tromp – Housekeeping Resort, Terry Davis – Human Resources, Dirk Hesselman – Front Office Resort. Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter winner was Wiebe de Roos from La Vista Food & Beverage Team for his outstanding efforts in leading his team.

The 2nd Quarter 2009 Manager nominees included: Antoinette v.d. Berg – Sales, James Rogan – Kitchen, Hansel Pineda – Front Office Ocean Club.

The Manager of the 2nd Quarter winner was Koen Hietbrink for his outstanding efforts handling the At Your Service Department.

The 3rd Quarter 2009 Supervisor nominees included: Patrica Comrie – Housekeeping Surf Club, Mory de la Cruz – Engineering Surf Club, Sudi Guda – Front Office Surf Club, Roberto Mac Donald – Recreation MVCI,

Gail Sahit – Executive Offices Ocean Club, Angela Rosario – Housekeeping Ocean Club, Gloria Kelly – Housekeeping Ocean Club.

Supervisor of the 3rd Quarter winner was Verna Dijkhoff from the resort's Executive Offices for having work very hard to satisfy all guests.

The 3rd Quarter 2009 Manager nominees included: Claudia Sanchez – Executive Offices Surf Club, Chela De Lannoy – Sales, Perry van Dongen – Executive Office Resort, Gaevin Duffy – Accounting, Vincent Vink – Systems, Hansel Pineda – Front Office Ocean Club, James Rogan – Kitchen, Stefan de Vries – Food & Beverage, Pearl Lake – Front Office Resort, Leslie Prea –

Executive Offices Resort. Manager of the 3rd Quarter winner was Raquel Vrolijk from the casino operations for her outstanding hard work in the casino.

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino boasts 411 fully renovated guestrooms – the most spacious on the island – each with large, private balconies overlooking the sparkling waters of the Caribbean Sea. On property, seven restaurants and cafes provide fare from light to elegant, while the largest casino in Aruba, a 6,500 square-foot spa, renewed free-form swimming pool with cascading waterfalls and high-energy health club offer entertaining diversions. To obtain more information call the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino at 888-PARADISE or visit [www.arubamarriott.com](http://www.arubamarriott.com).

the winners of the 2nd and 3rd quarter at Buster's Garage. Hotel Manager Louella Brezovar, congratulated all twenty nine nominees from the two quarters for their commitment to excellence and



In the picture:- Winners of Managers & Supervisors 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2009 – From left to right: Wiebe de Roos (La Vista Food & Beverage Supervisor), Raquel Vrolijk (Casino Operations Manager), Verna Dijkhoff (Resort's Executive secretary), Rick Zeolla (General Manager), Koen Hietbrink (AYS Manager) and Barbara Bressat (Director of Human Resources). □

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*During a rooftop cocktail reception in honor of SITE IC 09*

# Diane DiMaggio awards the 8th Pinnacle Award to the Radisson



PALM BEACH – “Successful Meetings” publications delivered the 8<sup>th</sup> Pinnacle Award to General Manager Rob Smith at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa who accepted the plaque, he explained, on behalf of his staff and managers.

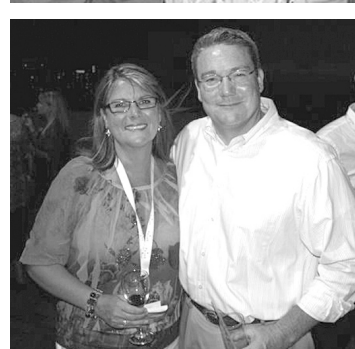
The Outstanding Meeting Facility award is given to hotels around the world based on comfortable rooms, thoughtful amenities and attentive service which all make meeting attendees feel at home while traveling.

“Exemplary meeting spaces make programs run smoothly,” says Diane DiMaggio, and the readers of Successful Meetings voted that the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa fits all criteria and fulfils all requirements. DiMaggio revealed that the resort also won the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Planner’s Choice award on behalf of “Meeting News” for Excellence in Hotel Services and Facilities for 2009, and that she will be presenting the plaque to Smith his staff and managers, later in the season.

DiMaggio was on the island to participate in SITE International Conference 09, joined by many travel industry professionals from around the globe. Themed “Business without Boundaries,” the conference unfolded here October 30th to November 2nd, and showcased Aruba’s tremendous tourism product.

Pictured here, a rooftop cocktail party hosted by General Manager Rob Smith and Director of Sales Francis Purvey, in honor of all SITE members staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa.

The sunset happy hour party featured cocktails and elegant hors d’oeuvres and took place on the 9th floor penthouse deck, overlooking Palm Beach. □







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EAGLE BEACH – The Aruba Bank golf tournament offered an extra challenge on Friday afternoon with a hole-in-one competition, designed to raise funds for the Mary Joan local breast cancer foundation. JR Quant came closest to the pin, as he shot his ball just seven feet short of the target, for a complimentary all-inclusive



week's stay at Divi resort! Golf pro James Kiley collected the donations with the corporate sponsors on hand to encourage participation. Pictured here foundation representatives with Aruba Bank, R.E. Irausquin, and Divi Links representatives, at

the hole-in-one contest.

Aruba Bank, has been organizing the Links Charity Golf Tournament for the past five years, the second time in conjunction with R.E. Irausquin which offered a car for the winner of a Hole-In-One. □



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## Experience Papillon's gripping story! Introducing a catching special for the early Birds

PALM BEACH – Henri Charrière, one of the world's most famous prisoners, would surely have had the time of his life at Papillon Restaurant in The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. Nicknamed Papillon because of the butterfly tattoo on his chest, the Frenchman was the first convict to escape from Devil's Island, something that nobody had ever done before. Charrière's thrilling, gripping...

auto-biography has been the concept behind Papillon Restaurant. The décor, the decorations and especially the restrooms wink at the thirteen terrible years Papillon spent in prison in French Guyana. Papillon restaurant's menu reflects the Frenchman's arduous journey to freedom: classic French dishes have been dusted with daring Caribbean flair and are a culinary journey for your taste buds. The spacious outside terrace is perfect for casual fine dining; the iron bars, flecks of rust and stains on the walls make one very glad not to be in Papillon's shoes in the 1940's! Charrière would undoubtedly have loved 'his' place on Aruba: this is luxury living for anyone!

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PALM BEACH – Delegates of SITE International Conference 09 were invited to party under the stars on the beach at the Hyatt Regency at a mega-event conceived by the creative team of ECO



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future to entertain, reward and motivate meetings and incentives group travel. Upon arrival at the torch-lit beachfront, SITE IC 09 delegates were asked to leave their shoes on bamboo mats, as they were greeted by refreshing Mango Mojitos. The beach was laid out with stylish lounge areas, and several Tiki bars serving premium libations. Two fire-pits beckoned at the edge of the water surrounded by



low, comfortable cushions, and a hammock. At the heart of the arena, a giant sand sculpture incorporating the Hyatt, ECO & SITE emblems, with real live sand-people added to the décor. A corner of the beach was dedicated to star-gazing with two powerful telescopes aimed at the almost full moon. The creative menu offered Melon & Mango Gazpachos, Gumbo with Funchi and Pumpkin Soup with toasted pepitas, fresh seafood ceviche, and an abundant display of mini entrees such as Chicken Pinchos, Char Sui Pork, Balashi Battered Shrimp, Lamb Skewers and

Beef Johnny Cakes. The Seafood Boil Cookout station was received with great enthusiasm, rounding up the menu inspired by authentic island foods. The dessert corner offered Dutch chocolate shooters, Pan Dushi, Coconut Tartelettes and Lemon Bars also winking at the island's Dutch and Caribbean roots, in a novel, contemporary presentation. The music of Abstract Dawn with singer Lucre Houtman packed a huge amount of talent, with Martin Buitenweg on sizzling guitar, Teddy Phillips on flaming base, and Aruba's most versatile arranger/composer, band



leader Hildward Croes singing and playing his on-fire keyboard. The mellower second part of the evening was entertained by Jazz man Carlos Bislip. Pictured here, welcoming SITE IC 09 delegates to the beach, ECO DMS President & CEO Wichita Villacres who has been a SITE member for the past two decades and enjoys solid friendships with the biggest names in international travel. Amy Ras served as the official greeter and host, on behalf of the resort. The party was also attended by Patrick Sullivan, SITE President, Myrna Jansen-Feliciano, ATA Managing Director Worldwide and Sanju Luidens-Daryanani, AHATA Director of Destination Marketing.





# SITE honors excellence at their gala farewell banquet



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The SITE conference finished with an elegant evening that showcased the myriad facilities of the Renaissance Convention Center, which began with cocktails in the Fiesta Garden. An impressive gourmet dinner with a Carnival theme was the festive backdrop for the awarding of the SITE Honor

Awards 2009, celebrating outstanding achievement by individuals and chapters of their global network. SITE CEO Brenda Anderson and President Patrick Gilligan did the honors. Out of a field of six finalists among 33 chapters, winner of the 2009 Chapter of the year award went to SITE Canada, with Susan Prophet of

Destination Quebec accepting on their behalf. SITE Southern California received an Honorable Mention for Special Events, and SITE Texas was named winner of the Wild Card Award. Brenda Anderson informed the gathering that performance among the finalists was so impressive it was difficult to select a final winner, so a special Award of Distinction was presented to SITE Southeast USA, as well. Mary Jean Chapman of Corporate Incentive Adventures was named SITE Member of the year 2009, "in recognition of continuing outstanding contributions, dedication and service to SITE." In July of 2008, SITE lost one of their most dedicated members to brain cancer, Kevin Forde. He was president of Kevin

Forde Associates and represented the Switzerland Tourism Bureau. In his memory, SITE established the Kevin Forde Spirit Award. The recipient for 2009 was Eduardo Chaillo, Director of the Strategic Business Unit for the Mexico Tourism Board for his outstanding efforts during the past year in striving to maintain an industry beleaguered by the ravages of nature and a media circus of unfair press. Along with the SITE members, their board of directors also honored those who dedicated their time to making this year's conference a success. This included Co-chairpersons Freddy Muller and Wichita Villacres, and heads of the organizing committee in Aruba, Ed Malone of AHATA, and from the ATA Gina Lopez-Gnocci and Jerusha Rasmijn. Additionally recognized

were the members of the International Host Committee from ATA and AHATA which included ATA Director Myrna Jansen and staff Mario Arends, Sjeidy Feliciano and Marketing Director of Groups Sanju Luidens-Daryanani from AHATA. Sponsors of the event who were also honored were Peggy Croes of the Aruba Airport Authority, Stephanie Koole and Angelo Tromp, De Palm Tours Destination Management Services, Yarimar Orozco, Pelican Adventures, Magali Mesa, ECO DMS Aruba and Michel van Leeuwen, Red Sail Sports DMS. The spectacular farewell evening ended with a stunning mini-carnival, providing delegates one final authentic Arubanexperience to take home in pictures and treasured memories. □





*Portfolio includes Aruba and Bonaire*

# Treasure Bay taking over Isle of Capri by Nov. 23

NASSAU, BAHAMAS - Treasure Bay Gaming & Resorts will take over operation of the Our Lucaya Casino from Isle of Capri on or before November 23, 2009.

This was revealed by Minister of Tourism & Aviation Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace in a statement released yesterday.

According to the statement the new operator, based in Biloxi, Mississippi, will upgrade the casino's equipment, and introduce a vibrant marketing

program. In addition, apart from some employees who elected to accept severance benefits, the remainder of the staff will continue in the employment of new operator Treasure Bay.

"The selection of Treasure Bay as operator of Our Lucaya offers our company a new opportunity for strategic growth in resort markets," said Treasure Bay COO Susan Varnes in a statement. "For quite some time, we have considered expansion into the Caribbean, and this casino

offers the right operational fit with our portfolio, which includes properties located in Biloxi, Mississippi, and on the islands of St. Croix, Aruba and Bonaire.

Back in March, the Isle of Capri announced that they would not be renewing their lease, which ended on May 31. Since then, the government worked out an

agreement with them to stay on until a new operator was found. Vanderpool-Wallace expressed appreciation to Isle of Capri for having extended their exit in order to achieve a seamless transfer to Treasure Bay.

The takeover by Treasure Bay, said the minister, comes at the time when expanded airlift from Canada, New York and

Florida is commencing into Grand Bahama Island.

Treasure Bay Gaming and Resorts Inc. owns and operates Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel in Biloxi and Divi Carina Bay Casino on St. Croix, Virgin Islands. The company also manages the Alhambra Casino in Aruba and the Flamingo Casino in Bonaire. □

## \*\*\* Human Hints Daily \*\*

### *Characteristics of Success*

We all have goals and desires, and we all have the same 24 hours each day to achieve them. What then, is the difference between someone who reaches their goals and someone who is lost in endless struggle? While I intend to fill volumes with this topic alone, I offer you an abbreviated list of six important characteristics that will help you achieve your definition of success.

Organization – it is important to follow a plan. Start with rough ideas and refine them into specific details. Start with rough timelines and synchronize them into a graceful flow of actions and milestones. Keep the plan dynamic and don't be afraid to change it along the way, but don't change the destination too much. Keep the direction the same so you don't waste your physical and mental effort.

Clear Goals – It is important to have a clear definition of what success means to each of us personally. Everyone has a different idea of what success means. You must define your own measure of success, and don't let your success be defined or measured by someone else, or by external forces. Your definition of success must come from inside you. Focusing on the details will help solidify what you desire. Your feeling about the details will mindicate whether the they are your genuine goals, or if you're being affected by an external force.

Define the details of your success both emotionally and logically. Imagine yourself there and focus on how you feel.

Embrace the emotional sensations coursing through your body.

What things, feelings, decisions and actions make you feel successful?

Mindset – You must set your mind to the fact that you will reach your definition of success. When you imagine yourself surrounded by the details of your success, you are defining your future.

What is in your imagination has already happened, and Time simply has to catch up to your thoughts. You must know, in the face of your own doubt, that you do achieve success in the future. When you doubt yourself, taking action toward the goal will help release your

hesitation.

Persistence – We cannot let anything stand in our way. We cannot use excuses to stop ourselves just because we're afraid of hurting others or from fear of our own success. We must demand from ourselves that we will not allow any external force to sabotage us from attaining our personal goals.

In a self-defining moment, swear an oath to yourself that you will not let yourself get in your own way. Bind yourself to your promise by writing a letter to yourself, stating that you are worthy of reaching your goals, and that you will not let your ego's fear stop you. Sign it, date it, frame it and hang it in front of the toilet so you'll read it every day.

Self-Motivation – No one can achieve success for us. Only you can organize your energy into the details of a plan, then act to accomplish it in the face of your own resistance. The fundamental challenge is to overcome ourselves.

These are six fundamental personal characteristics that will make you a success. Study them and incorporate them into your own life. You will instantly begin to see a change in the grace and synchronicity that befalls you. Until Tomorrow...

#### ~Quentin Danziger

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## Questions raised on coastal radar for Windward Islands

THE HAGUE--Members of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament are seeking clarity on postponed plans to construct a coastal radar system in the Windward Islands.

Members of Parliament (MPs) posed a series of questions to Defence Minister Eimert van Middelkoop last week about the Annual 2008 Report and the Long Term Plan 2009-2018 of the Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, which was recently submitted to the Second Chamber.

In this report it was stated that the coastal radar in the ABC islands Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao had proven to be a very successful addition to operations. However, expanding the coastal radar to the Windward Islands was put on hold pending further investigation, in light of the current financial economic situation.

MPs asked Van Middelkoop when a decision would be taken about expanding the coastal radar system to the Windward Islands. They also wanted to know in what way the financial economic situation in the Netherlands would affect the decision on expanding the system for St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius.

They asked the Minister whether he agreed with their point of view that expanding the coastal radar system to the Windward Islands and tackling the "serious problem" of drug smuggling in the Netherlands Antilles should not depend primarily on the Dutch financial economic situation.

The MPs wanted to know to what extent the involvement of the Coast Guard would be increased with Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba becoming part of the Netherlands as so-called "public entities" in 2010.

Parliament further asked the Minister to give an overview of the "substantial operational successes" the Coast Guard had booked in 2008 to which the organisation referred in its Annual Report.

MPs sought clarity on the use of Coast Guard capacity to execute its basic tasks of combating drug smuggling, human smuggling and illegal immigration. According to the Annual Report, the Coast Guard uses 80 per cent of its capacity to execute these basic tasks.

"Does the Coast Guard also seize money during anti-drugs and weapons operations and how much did the organisation seize in 2008?" were two other question the MPs posed. Parliament further sought clarity on the relation between the number of illegal persons caught and other figures on illegal persons in the Justice system. □



# Three new tax treaties with regional countries



WILLEMSTAD--Antillean Finance Minister Ersilia "Zus" de Lannooy (PNP) has signed agreements for the exchange of tax information with Antigua and Barbuda, the Cayman Islands and St. Lucia.

De Lannooy emphasised the importance for the Antilles and the future country Curaçao to pursue cooperation and

joint promotion of interest with nations in the Caribbean region.

"We currently have 22 Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs) to regulate the exchange of data that could be relevant regarding tax levying and collection, as well as the tracing and prosecuting of tax violations.

"Many of those TIEAs have been signed with European countries that are mentioned on the white list of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), but it is wise to seek alliance with our own region. Such relations could yield various mutual advantages," the Minister stated.

The representatives of the three Caribbean countries concurred that cooperation was a logical step, certainly

in view of the agreements that relatively small nations have and the similar challenges these nations encounter, in particular as a result of the international financial crisis. Efficient and equitable tax levying for the citizens of the treaty parties is therefore also favourable for economic development.

Solicitor-General Justin Simon, who signed for Antigua and Barbuda, indicated that "united action is the best approach." Referring to the tourism dependency of nearly all Caribbean countries, he stated, "If areas such as North America or Europe sneeze, Caribbean countries will catch a cold. It is essential to work in close conjunction and cooperate with one another."

Solicitor-General Samuel Bulgin of the Cayman Islands and Director of the Supervisory

Financial Sector in St. Lucia Calixte Leon concurred with Simon.

The Antilles hopes to sign TIEAs with Argentina, Germany, England and France shortly. Even though the number of TIEAs and the subsequent Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) of the Antilles are steadily increasing, it is no longer of utmost importance for "white-listed" nations.

"We are not inclined to think that the minimum of 12 TIEAs with mainly white-listed nations to acquire and retain a white listing with the OECD will be increased," said Interim Director Julian Lopez Ramirez of the Directorate Tax Affairs. "The current issue will be the compliance of the contents in your legislation and in these agreements. The OECD will pursue this during the next

three years, as recently agreed on in Mexico."

De Lannooy agreed that the signing of agreements was not the tailpiece, but the linked responsibilities which the Antilles would also have to bear. "If a treaty nation requests information, you should be able to provide such."

Tax experts and general economists are difficult to find for government, even though Lopez Ramirez recently recruited two additional fiscal experts for Tax Affairs.

"Those who are attracted to fundamental statistics analysis and extremely accurate work regarding texts of laws and procedures could be of great value in this field. However, it definitely should be something one pursues, so that he/she will do this with interest every day," according to Lopez Ramirez. □

## WestJet flight welcomed as key partner for Canadian market

PHILIPSBURG - - Commissioner of Aviation Frans Richardson and Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIA) operating company PJIAE President Eugene Holiday welcomed the first seasonal non-stop WestJet flight to St. Maarten on Sunday.

They praised the airline as the island's newest partner for the Canadian market, St. Maarten's second largest source market.

WestJet Flight 2652 with 116 passengers on board touched down at PJIA just before 4:00pm on Sunday. The airline will fly between Toronto, Ontario, and St. Maarten three times per week, non-stop,

from now until April 29, 2010. Flight time each way is about four 4½ hours.

Commissioner Richardson noted that bookings for the airline were looking very well and efforts were made to increase the numbers, which possibly would lead to WestJet increasing the number of flights to the island.

He lauded the economic spin-off the new service will have for St. Maarten in all tourism-related sectors. He said preliminary figures indicated that the WestJet service could account for US \$5.5 million for the island's coffers from November 2009 to April 2010.

Richardson told the WestJet

executives in attendance that the airline could count on commitment from his office and the St. Maarten Tourism Bureau in making the business relationship between the airline and the destination a resounding success. He also made special mention of Tourist Bureau head Regina Labega as the driving force behind making the service to St. Maarten a reality.

"Figures made available by the St. Maarten Tourism Bureau indicate total expenditures by U.S. and Canadian visitors in St. Maarten of more than US \$39 million during the first six months of this year.

"If we look at projections now, we need to take into account

an 80 per cent projected load factor of seating capacity on WestJet flights. In terms of income for St. Maarten, it would mean an increase of almost 50 per cent of what we bring in from the Canadian market annually," Richardson said.

"As Commissioner responsible for Tourism, Economic Affairs and Aviation, I was thrilled to hear some time ago that bookings for flights to St. Maarten were doing extremely well. Load factors are said to already be in excess of 80 per cent for the first three months of bookings," he added.

Holiday said the inaugural flight came at a critical moment. The economies of the United States and Canada have reported growth for the first time since the second quarter of 2008. He said consumer confidence was returning and people were expected to start travelling again.

"It comes at a time when our focus is on the end of the recession and the opportunities ahead. This flight therefore comes at a possible turning point in the global economy. Thus, as I looked at WestJet Flight 2652 taxiing towards the terminal, I realised that this new service coincides with expectations of changing

economic outlook for the better.

"But above all, because you previously served PJIA as a charter carrier, I realised that this new service expresses a strengthening of WestJet's confidence and commitment in destination St. Maarten," Holiday said.

Through this service out of Canada, Holiday added, "We expect to continue to realize our goals as a regional leader offering an extensive network of connections between North America, South America, Europe and the Caribbean. We are therefore pleased and proud to have WestJet join our airport family; we are because we believe that the decision of WestJet to include St. Maarten in your itinerary is expected to play an important role in the realization of our mission."

Present at the welcoming event were Commissioner of Finance Xavier Blackman, State Secretary Patrick Illidge, former commissioner of tourism Roy Marlin and members of PJIA's supervisory board of directors. Also present were WestJet Vice President of Talent Management Janice Webster, Public Relations Manager Robert Palmer and CARE Coordinator Angela Braun. □

## Netherlands Antilles Split Date Formalized

by Phillip Morton

The Islands forming the Netherlands Antilles will be split, as planned, by October 10 2010, the government has confirmed.

Following a constitutional crisis in 2004, due to irreconcilable differences between the constituent islands, it was agreed that the islands of Curacao and St Maarten will become autonomous countries, while the remaining three islands - Saba, Bonaire and St. Eustatius - will become 'special municipalities' of the Netherlands.

According to the government, the islands of Curaçao and St Maarten will be allowed to become autonomous countries "under certain

conditions". In a statement, the authorities explained that in order to become countries Curaçao and St Maarten must have a proper legislative framework in place, and public authorities appropriately positioned to deal with their respective sectors. To ensure that this is the case, a progress committee will monitor developments.

Whilst the two islands - Curaçao and St Maarten - will be split, the two new countries will continue to cooperate closely in several areas through the establishment of a central government. Most recently, the two parties are negotiating the framework for a Joint Criminal Investigation Team. □



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**FILE** - In this May 11, 2007 file photo, a Wall Street sign is seen at an entrance to the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stock futures are moderately higher Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, as investors await key reports on manufacturing and housing, seeking reassurance that the economic recovery will be sustainable.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

## Stocks waver, Dow gives up more than 100 points

By SARA LEPRO,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – An early rally in stocks is losing steam as a retreat in financial stocks pulls the broader market lower.

Stocks had been rising in the early going after stronger-than-expected reports on manufacturing and housing. By early afternoon though, stocks were fluctuating. The Dow Jones industrials were up about 24 points, after rising as much as 146 points in early trading.

The market has been extremely volatile in recent days as investors try to determine whether the bets they've been placing on a rebound in the economy over the past several months have been sound.

Investors worry the pace of the economic recovery will be hard to maintain, considering that much of the growth has been fueled by government stimulus programs, while corporate profits have largely been driven by cost-cutting instead of higher sales.

The seesaw trade on Monday came after the Institute for Supply Management said the manufacturing industry grew at the fastest pace in October since April 2006. The ISM manufacturing index clocked in at 55.7, much better than the 53 economists had expected. It was the third month in a row the index came in above 50, which indicates growth.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said pending home sales increased for the eighth straight month in September. The index rose 6.1 percent from August to 110.1. It was the highest reading since December 2006 and more than 21 percent above a year ago. Economists had expected the index would be level at 103.8.

Stocks posted their biggest losses in four months on Friday after rising sharply a day earlier on stronger-than-expected economic growth in the third quarter. Friday's losses helped send the Standard & Poor's 500 index into the red for the month of October, breaking a seven-month streak of gains.

But even with the S&P 500's 2 percent loss in October, the index is still up 53.2 percent from a 12-year low in March.

"The question is, is the trend changing?" said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments at PNC Wealth Management. "We've been in an up trend here."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 23.66, or 0.2 percent, to 9,736.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.63, or 0.1 percent, at 1,035.56, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.17, or 0.4 percent, to 2,037.94. □

## 3 strong economic reports lift hopes for recovery

By TALI ARBEL,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Hopes for the fledgling economic recovery got a boost Monday from better-than-expected news on manufacturing, construction and contracts to buy homes.

U.S. manufacturing activity grew in October at the fastest pace in more than three years, according to a private group's measure. It was driven by government spending, businesses' need to rebuild their inventories and higher demand from overseas.

The Commerce Department said construction spending rose in September on the strength of home building. The report supported optimism that the ailing housing sector is starting to revive.

And the number of signed contracts to buy previously occupied homes rose for the eighth straight month in September, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Still, President Barack Obama said the public and private sectors must find more ways to create jobs to continue the recovery. In remarks at the start of a White House meeting with economic advisers, Obama credited his stimulus package for recent upticks in economic numbers, including the manufacturing boost reported Monday.

The president said there's still "a long way to go," especially when it comes to job creation. "We are still seeing production levels that are significantly below peak levels and most distressing is the fact that job growth continues to lag," Obama said.

The trio of positive reports about areas of the economy that could help power a recovery helped drive Wall Street higher earlier in the day



**FILE** - In this Aug. 25, 2009 file photo, crew members with Anadarko Petroleum Corp. work on a drilling platform on a farm near Mead, Colo. A private measure of U.S. manufacturing activity grew in October at the fastest pace in more than three years, helped by government spending and higher demand from overseas. The better-than-expected reading is a positive signal for the fledgling economic recovery.

(AP Photo/Ed Andrieski, file)

before a retreat in financial stocks pulled the broader market lower. The Dow Jones industrials added about 25 points in afternoon trading, while broader indexes dipped. Still, with jobs scarce, lending tight and consumers wary of spending, it's unclear whether the strength can be sustained as government stimulus programs wind down. For example, the contracts to buy homes rose as buyers scrambled to take advantage of a tax credit for first-time owners that expires at the end of this month. Congress is moving to extend the credit until April 30.

Christina Romer, who heads the president's Council of Economic Advisers, last week said the government's stimulus spending already had its biggest impact and probably wouldn't contribute to significant growth next year. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said Monday that its manufacturing index grew in October at the fastest pace since April 2006. The ISM index read 55.7 last

month, compared with 52.6 in September. It's the third straight reading above 50, which indicates growth.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had expected the index to come in at 53. In April 2006, the ISM's level registered 56.

Employment grew for the first time in 15 months, rising to 53.1 last month from 46.2. But the measure tracking new orders, a signal of future production, slipped to 58.5 from 60.8 in September.

"Decision-makers are signaling confidence" by hiring, Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, wrote in a research note.

But the question that remains for manufacturers is how many people companies need to employ if growth doesn't go beyond restocking customers' bare shelves, said Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist of Miller Tabak.

Unemployment hit a 26-year high of 9.8 percent in September and many analysts expect it rose to 9.9 percent last month. □



# Carrey's Scrooge rings in Hollywood holiday spirit



Actor Jim Carrey speaks during an event opening the final stop on 'Disney's A Christmas Carol' train tour Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

By DAVID GERMAIN,  
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES – Hollywood loves money.

So does Ebenezer Scrooge. So what better way to launch the holiday season than putting the old money-grubber at the head of the line to separate moviegoers from their cash?

The latest version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" features Jim Carrey as Scrooge. Coming on Ebenezer's coattails will be everything from vampire romance ("The Twilight Saga: New Moon") and end-of-the-world stories ("2012," "The Road") to epic science fiction ("Avatar") and a new incarnation of the world's greatest detective ("Sherlock Holmes").

Presented in 3-D, "Disney's A Christmas Carol" is the latest from Oscar-winning director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"), who presents Dickens' London with the same performance-capture technology he used on "The Polar Express" and "Beowulf."

Carrey and such co-stars as Gary Oldman, Robin Wright Penn, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins worked on a bare soundstage, their bodies covered with

sensors so digital cameras could record their performances in 360 degrees. Sets, costumes and other details were filled in later by computer animation.

The process allowed actors to take on multiple roles, with Carrey playing Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come that teach him the meaning of the season.

While Zemeckis loves Alastair Sim's 1951 "A Christmas Carol," he said previous adaptations never captured the full impact of Dickens' surreal images. As he made "Beowulf," Zemeckis realized he now had the tools to bring "A Christmas Carol" to the screen the way he imagined it on the page.

"It was the idea of being able to actually recreate London and not have any limitations whatsoever. Anything that existed at the time we could present," Zemeckis said. "Then the idea that Jim could play Scrooge in all the different ages, and the ghosts, they could be his alter-ego, and he could play those. Everything just fell into place." □



Actor Mel Gibson and actress Oksana Grigorieva arrive at an industry screening of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" at the Grauman's Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California April 28, 2009.

REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni

## Mel Gibson and girlfriend welcome a baby girl: media

SYDNEY (Reuters) – Actor Mel Gibson and his Russian girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva are celebrating the birth of a daughter, according to media reports.

Gibson, 53, announced in May that his girlfriend was pregnant. Celebrity website RadarOnline.com said 39-year-old Grigorieva gave birth on Friday, a few weeks early. There were no further details. The Australian-raised actor already has seven children from his first wife Robyn who filed for divorce in April this year after 28 years of marriage. Grigorieva has a teenage son with former James Bond actor Timothy Dalton.

Gibson has said that he and his wife split up three years ago, shortly after he was arrested in Malibu for drunken driving and launched into an alcohol-fueled tirade against Jews. He later apologized and sought treatment for alcoholism.

He told TV talk show host Jay Leno that he met Grigorieva, a former model who is now a singer and pianist, in 2008 when she had been signed to his Icon Records label. Her debut album, "Beautiful Heartache," was released this year.

Gibson was raised in Australia and was one of the highest-paid and most popular actors in the world in the 1990s, winning best-director and best-picture Oscars for his 1995 movie "Braveheart." □



FILE -- In a May 26, 2009 photo Elton John arrives at a news conference at Starz animation studio in Toronto. Elton John's spokesman said Monday Nov. 2, 2009 the singer is recovering in the hospital after illness forced him to cancel three concerts in the United States.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Nathan Denette)

LONDON – Elton John has been hospitalized after suffering from a case of E. coli bacterial infection and the flu, his spokesman said Monday. Gary Farrow said the pop star hopes to be released soon but has been forced to cancel concerts in England, Ireland and the United States.

John intends to rejoin the "Face2Face" tour later in the month when he and Billy Joel play concerts in northern California.

Farrow said 62-year-old John is suffering from a "bad case of the flu and a minor case of E. coli." His Web site says he

## Elton John recovering in hospital from flu, e-coli

was advised by his doctor to postpone dates in Seattle and Portland.

The Daily Mail's Web site

quoted John's partner, David Furnish, as saying "He's OK — he's fine," after leaving a

London hospital. Farrow says

the singer has rescheduled previously canceled dates during the European leg of his world tour. □

## Vampire romance co-stars deny tabloid reports



Actor Robert Pattinson (L) and actress Kristen Stewart, seen here in May 2009. The "Twilight" co-stars have wearily denied tabloid reports that the couple are embroiled in an off-screen romance.

(AFP/Getty Images/File/Kevin Winter)

LOS ANGELES (AFP) have wearily denied tabloid reports that the couple are embroiled in an off-screen

romance. Pattinson, who became an overnight heart-throb after starring in last year's movie adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's vampire romance novel, told Vanity Fair in its latest edition that the co-stars were not an item.

"It doesn't make any difference what you say (to the tabloids)," Pattinson said. "I've literally been across the country (from Kristen), and it's like 'Oh, they were on secret dates!?' It's like 'Where? I can't get out of my hotel room!?'"

Stewart meanwhile offered a withering dismissal of the reports. "It's so retarded," she told the magazine. "We're characters in this comic book."

"Twilight" was one of the biggest hits of 2008, grossing nearly 400 million dollars worldwide. The next film in the franchise, "New Moon", is due for release in North America on November 20. □



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# Sunset Grille, a prime Steakhouse offering Spa Cuisine



Palm Beach – The Sunset Grille at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa needs no introduction. The award winning American steakhouse with its chic, cosmopolitan atmosphere headlines Prime Beef, the highest grade U.S.D.A -- only 2% of all beef is graded prime, required to age a minimum of 4 weeks. While steaks and chops make up the heart of the menu, the resort's Restaurant Chef Maarten Smeets innovated

unparalleled appetizers and extraordinary desserts, which helped the Sunset Grille achieve the Triple AAA's elite four-diamond status – a rare feat for steakhouses. Sunset Grille well-known as the number one steakhouse in Aruba offers also spa cuisine, for the health conscious visitors, featuring appetizers, salads and a wide array of seafood selections. The spa cuisine dishes are balanced by enhancing

flavors with citrus, spice and herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains. "We now use many more herbs, vegetables, grains and fibers," he adds, "all designed to sustain a healthier life style; and we stay away from saturated fats and refined sugars, as well as use salt sparingly," he informs. "The Sunset Grille kitchen," Smeets reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banters, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine." Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred;" the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar. The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon



to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and cutting meat. No wonder the readers of Caribbean Travel & Life named it the top restaurant in the Caribbean. □

and Scallops served with the popular Soba Noodles. The Sunset Grille always endeavors to exceed guests' expectations by purchasing the very best products available and preparing them in accordance with a combination of "tried and true" as well as cutting edge contemporary methods, Smeets explains. Simply put, the Sunset Grille culinary team buys the best products, and cooks them the best way they know, refusing



# Life's a Beach at the Juggling Fish

Palm Beach -- The Juggling Fish at Playa Linda Beach Resort is designed to stimulate your shopping instincts, as the beautiful store is hard to resist. What you'll find on the oceanfront boardwalk is absolutely gorgeous: hand picked gifts, souvenirs, beach

and resort wear, it's all on display a few steps from the water. The tastefully arranged store is signature Boston-born Jodi Tobman, also the owner of the brand-new Lazy Lizard, in the South Beach Centre. You will find a great selection of

kid gifts here. In fact an entire inner section is dedicated to gifts with a tropical appeal for babies and toddlers, among them whimsical plush stuffed iguanas, parrots and seahorses. Moreover, a bonanza of fridge magnets, hand-made silver jewelry, batik beach



wraps, throws and hats also awaits you. Gift hunters will be pleased with the array of scented candles and candleholders. The store offers convenient barefootbrowsingpossibilities and is located within a short walking distance from the Hyatt Regency and the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. The Juggling Fish at Playa Linda fits nicely into that resort's "Life's a Beach" philosophy. Open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday, when the rest of the island is at a standstill, the helpful staff at the Juggling Fish Playa

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## Karzai's election increases pressure on President Obama

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KABUL (AP) — Hamid Karzai was declared the winner by default Monday in Afghanistan's fraud-marred presidential election, increasing the pressure on President Barack Obama to end his marathon deliberations at a time when a scaled-down version of his commander's ambitious plans is gaining support. Obama welcomed Karzai's election with as much admonishment as praise, telling America's partner in war that he expects a more serious effort to end corruption in his government and ready his nation to defend itself when international troops ultimately withdraw.

"I emphasized that this has to be a point in time in which we begin to write a new chapter," Obama said in describing his congratulatory phone call to Karzai. The U.S. president said that when Karzai offered back assurances, Obama told him that "the proof is not going to be in words. It's going to be in deeds." Afghan politicians with ties to Karzai said they expected him to try to restore credibility abroad by offering Cabinet posts to supporters of his chief rival, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah. But Obama's words appeared to be a sharp warning to Karzai that the American public would not support a significant increase in resources unless it is satisfied that a credible Afghan government is fully committed to tackle the problems of corruption and bad governance which have swelled insurgent ranks.

The messy end to the election left the United States and its partners with the difficult task of helping the Karzai government restore legitimacy both at home and abroad. Public support for the war is



Afghan President Hamid Karzai gestures to journalists as he heads to receive U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, unseen, at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. Afghanistan's election commission has canceled Saturday's presidential runoff and proclaimed Karzai victor of the war-ravaged nation's tumultuous ballot.

Associated Press

already dropping in the U.S. and other countries with troops in Afghanistan. The image of a fraud-stained Afghan partner does little to reverse the slide. Karzai was declared the winner one day after Abdullah dropped out of the scheduled Nov. 7 runoff. Abdullah said the election would not have been fair and accused the Karzai-appointed Independent Election Commission of bias. The election now decided, House Republican leader Rep. John Boehner said Obama has no reason to wait any longer to decide whether to accept recommendations by his top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for up to 80,000 more troops.

"The White House has no further pretext for delaying the decision on giving Gen.

McChrystal the resources he needs," Boehner said.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs acknowledged that Karzai's win is a factor in the coming decision but did not say the timetable for an announcement has changed. "I think the decision ... still will be made in the coming weeks," Gibbs said.

Obama is considering several options to increase the number of troops fighting in Afghanistan, including Gen. Stanley McChrystal's preference of about 40,000 additional U.S. forces next year. U.S. officials have told The Associated Press that a scaled-down version of that request is gaining favor but that no final decision has been made.

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The USS New York passes is guided to her berth in New York, Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 by the Ellen McAllister, left, and Rosemary McAllister tugs. The new Navy assault ship, built with World Trade Center steel, has arrived in its namesake city with a 21-gun salute near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack.

Associated Press

## Ship built with WTC steel comes to namesake city

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NEW YORK (AP) — The new Navy assault ship USS New York, built with World Trade Center steel, arrived in its namesake city Monday with a rifle volley salute near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack.

First responders, families of Sept. 11 victims and the public gathered Monday at a waterfront viewing area, where they could see the crew standing at attention along the deck of the battleship gray vessel.

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## ElBaradei asks Iran for quick response on nukes

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The head of the U.N. nuclear agency urged Iran on Monday to clarify its response amid mixed signals over a U.S.-backed proposal that would have Tehran ship most of its nuclear material abroad for processing. Iran's foreign minister said that option still exists while a senior diplomat suggested the opposite. The proposal would have Tehran export 70 percent of its enriched uranium — enough to make a bomb — and then have it returned as fuel for its research reactor.

Tehran's contrasting messages appear designed to keep the international community off balance on how far Iran is ready to go in accepting the original proposal.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, Mohamed ElBaradei said "a number of questions and allegations relevant to the nature" of Iran's program remained, and he called for confidence building measures on all sides.

"I therefore urge Iran to be as forthcoming as possible in responding soon to my recent proposal, based on the initiative of the U.S., Russia and France, which aimed to engage in a series of measures that could build confidence and trust," ElBaradei said in his final address before stepping down at the end of the month after 12 years as chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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# AP sources: House health bill totals \$1.2 trillion

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The health care bill headed for a vote in the House this week costs \$1.2 trillion or more over a decade, according to numerous Democratic officials and figures contained in an analysis by congressional budget experts, far higher than the \$900 billion cited by President Barack Obama as a price tag for his reform plan. While the Congressional Budget Office has put the cost of expanding coverage in the legislation at roughly \$1 trillion, Democrats added billions more on higher spending for public health, a reinsurance program to hold down retiree health costs, payments for preventive services and more.

Many of the additions are designed to improve benefits or ease access to coverage in government programs. The officials who provided overall cost estimates did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss them.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has referred repeatedly to the bill's net cost of \$894 billion over a decade for coverage. Asked about the higher estimate, Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly said the measure not only insures 36 million more Americans, it provides critical health insurance reform in a way that is fiscally sound.

"It will not add one dime to the deficit. In fact, the CBO said last week that it will reduce the deficit both in the first 10 years and in the second 10 years," Daly said.

Democrats have been intent on passing legislation this year to implement Obama's call for expanded coverage for millions, curbs on industry abuses and provisions to slow the rate of growth of health



House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, second from left, speaks behind a copy of the Democrat's version of the health care bill during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. From left are, House Minority Whip Eric Cantor of Va., Boehner, Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash.

care costs nationally.

"Now, add it all up, and the plan I'm proposing will cost around \$900 billion over 10 years," the president said in a nationally televised speech in early September.

Whatever the final cost of legislation, the calendar is working increasingly against the White House and Democrats. While a House vote is possible late this week, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., may not be able to begin debate on the issue until the week before Thanksgiving. Additionally, the Republican leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has hinted at efforts to extend the debate for weeks if not months, a timetable that could extend into 2010.

One casualty of the time crunch and threatened Republican delaying tactics may be formal House-Senate negotiations on a final compromise. An alternative is a less formal hurry-up final negotiation involving the White House

and senior Democrats.

Pelosi and her lieutenants worked on last-minute changes in the measure to ease concerns among opponents of abortion and a contentious provision relating to illegal immigrants. Conservative Democrats have expressed concern about the cost of the bill, and an evening closed-door meeting gave Pelosi and her lieutenants their first chance to hear their response.

The bill includes an option for a government-run health plan. The leadership can afford more than two dozen defections and still be assured of the votes to prevail on the bill, one of the most sweeping measures in recent years.

Republicans put the cost of the bill at nearly \$1.3 trillion.

"Our goal is to make it as difficult as possible for" Democrats to pass it, House Republican leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said at a news conference. "We believe it is the wrong prescription."

One day after announcing

Republicans would have an alternative measure, Boehner offered few details. He said it would omit one of the central provisions in Democratic bills — a ban on the insurance industry's practice of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions. Instead, he said the Republicans would encourage creation of insurance pools for high-risk individuals and take other steps to ease their access to coverage.

Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., the third-ranking leader, said that Democrats looked at their bill as a way to advance universal coverage. In contrast, he said, Republicans "believe the real issue back home is cost" of insurance, and said their alternative would be designed to tackle it.

Democrats have made elimination of the industry's practice a linchpin of their drive to overhaul the health care system. The industry has said it would not fight the change, and an

accompanying restriction on its ability to charge higher premiums for certain groups, as the legislation includes a requirement for individuals to purchase insurance. Lacking that, the industry says millions of relatively healthy individuals would refuse to pay for coverage until they became sick, and the cost of premiums would rise sharply for everyone else.

Republicans oppose any government requirements for individuals to purchase insurance or for businesses to provide coverage.

The Congressional Budget Office is seen by lawmakers as the arbiter of claims about the costs and effects of proposed legislation, and the agency has been under intense pressure in recent weeks to compete assessments on several bills circulating in House and Senate.

In a letter last week, the agency's director, Dr. Douglas Elmendorf, said the net cost of expanding coverage in the House measure was estimated at \$894 billion over 10 years, a figure reflecting a gross total of \$1 trillion in federal subsidies as well as other spending.

The letter contained no similar assessment for the balance of the legislation and it was not clear when or whether one would be forthcoming.

In a letter last week to Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., on the general subject of health care, Elmendorf cautioned that some provisions in legislation have elements that raise costs and elements that lower costs. "Tabulating all of the aspects of the proposal that would, in isolation, increase federal outlays would be complicated and would require somewhat arbitrary judgments" about calculating overall costs, Elmendorf said. □



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Tallon said her brother, who was a Marine, would have been proud.

JoAnn Atlas, of Howells, New York, who lost her husband, fire Lt. Gregg Atlas, draped a flag-themed banner along the fence. The names of emergency workers who died were written on the red stripes.

"We have to remember. It's a way to honor them," she said. Members of the public included Nancy DiGiacomo, who came from Huntington, New York, with her husband, 9-year-old son, mother and sister. "I just thought it was important to see" the transformation of the tragedy's wreckage, said DiGiacomo. "From that, something else can come of it." Lt. Cmdr. Colette Murphy, a Navy spokeswoman, said she was excited for those serving on board to see the city's "awe-inspiring" welcome.

At a short ceremony later at Pier 88 near the site of the aircraft carrier, the USS Intrepid, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the USS New York couldn't have a more fitting name, representing freedom, courage and resilience. "This ship is actually a physical representation of that spirit with steel from the World Trade Center built into its bow so every friend that sets foot on it and every foe that dares challenge it will feel its power and know that it is literally made from the heart and soul of the city that has sacrificed so much," the mayor said. □

# Robert F. Kennedy's killer is moved to new site

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— An attorney for the man who assassinated Robert F. Kennedy said Monday his client was transferred from a prison that houses high-risk offenders to a new facility where his life could be in danger.

Attorney William F. Pepper said Sirhan Sirhan opposed the move from the state prison in Corcoran, which houses high-risk prisoners such as Charles Manson, to Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga.

"Our main concern is for his safety," said Laurie Dusek, an associate of Pepper. "We are not sure that Pleasant Valley has the ability to protect him. He is a target."

Pepper said he has new evidence and wants to reopen Sirhan's case.

Oscar Hidalgo, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, said Sirhan, 65, had requested the transfer and wants to stay in Pleasant Valley.

"After discussing his hesitation with prison officials at Pleasant Valley, Sirhan Sirhan indicated he wanted to stay at the new facility after all," Hidalgo said. "He can indicate if he feels unsafe at any point and the department

will respond appropriately."

Sirhan is serving a life sentence for the 1968 killing of Kennedy. He had been housed for years in the protective unit at Corcoran, one of the most isolated units in the state prison system.

Pepper said neither he nor Sirhan had requested the move and neither had received notice until Sirhan was actually moved last Thursday.

Hidalgo countered in a written statement that the move followed numerous requests by Sirhan to be transferred from Corcoran.

"His movements there have been extremely controlled and his exposure to others extremely limited," Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo could not immediately give details of Sirhan's new living arrangements or how much contact he has with other prisoners.

He said Sirhan's lawyers were notified of the move, but both Pepper and Dusek said they were not told of the transfer.

Dusek said she had contacted prison officials, checking on a report from Sirhan's brother that he might be moved. Authorities denied any knowledge of such a change, she said.

Pepper said he wrote to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

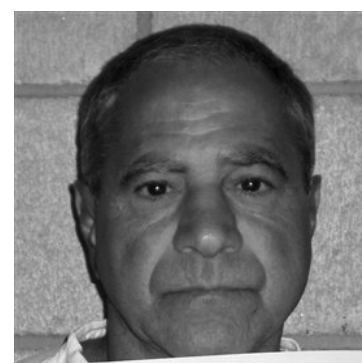
protesting the move. The governor's offices said it had not received any communication on the matter.

Munir Sirhan confirmed that he had notified the lawyer about the transfer and said his brother had asked to be moved at one point but not to Pleasant Valley.

Sirhan Sirhan did not feel safe at Corcoran after he was singled out after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks by guards who thought he was a Muslim, even though he is a Christian, his brother said.

Branded a potential terrorist, Sirhan was placed in total isolation where he remained for six years before being returned to the protected housing unit, Munir Sirhan and Dusek said.

Pepper took up Sirhan's cause after lawyer Lawrence Teeter died in 2005. Teeter claimed new ballistics and other evidence proved the killing was part of a conspiracy.



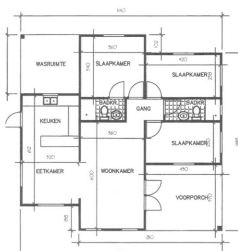
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This March 24, 2009 photo provided by the California Department of Corrections on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 shows Sirhan Sirhan.

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Pepper said he has hired a psychologist to try to help Sirhan retrieve memories of the night that Kennedy was shot. Sirhan has claimed he remembers nothing. □

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# GOP victory Tuesday won't erase party's problems



Republican gubernatorial candidate Chris Christie greets supporter Ben Ross, left, as Kim Guadagno, candidate for Lieutenant governor looks on at a campaign stop Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, in Tinton Falls, N.J. Christie will face Gov. Jon S. Corzine and Independent candidate Chris Daggett in Tuesday's election.

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By LIZ SIDOTI

AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON — For Republicans, an election win of any size Tuesday would be a blessing. But victories in Virginia, New Jersey or elsewhere won't erase enormous obstacles the party faces heading into a 2010 midterm election year when control of Congress and statehouses from coast to coast will be up for grabs. It's been a tough few years for the GOP. The party lost control of Congress in 2006 and then lost the White House in 2008 with three traditional Republican states — Indiana, North Carolina and Virginia — abandoning the party. So even if political winds start blowing harder behind them and even if they can capitalize on Democratic missteps,

Republicans still will have a long way to go over the next year because of their party's own fundamental problems — divisions over the path forward, the lack of a national leader and a shrinking base in a changing nation.

The GOP would overcome none of those hurdles should Republican Bob McDonnell win the Virginia governor's race, Chris Christie emerge victorious in the New Jersey governor's contest, or conservative Doug Hoffman triumph in a hotly contested special congressional election in upstate New York.

In fact, 2009 seems to have underscored what may be the biggest impediment for Republicans — the war within their base.

Not that the GOP would casually brush off even a small

stack of victories on Tuesday. One or more wins would give the Republicans a jolt, and a reason to rally in the coming months. Victories certainly would help with grass-roots fundraising and candidate recruiting. And they might just be enough to reinvigorate a party that controlled the White House and Congress through much of this decade, only to lose power in back-to-back national elections.

Viewed from the other side, a GOP sweep would be a setback for Democrats. It could be seen as a negative measure of President Barack Obama's standing and could signal trouble ahead as he seeks to get moderate Democratic lawmakers behind his legislative agenda and protect Democratic majorities in Congress next fall.

Still, with Democrats in control, the onus is on the GOP to get its act together. George W. Bush, the president many Republicans came to see as an election-day albatross, is gone, but the party troubles born under him linger.

Republican leaders in Washington certainly are mindful of the challenges.

"It's going to be a difficult road to walk, to work with relatively new entrants into the political system and to work with them to show them that, by and large, we are the party who represents their interests," House Republican leader John Boehner told CNN on Sunday, arguing that

there's "a political rebellion" taking place in the country.

Others are more blunt.

"Right now there's no central Republican leader to turn to, and there's no central Republican message," conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh told Fox News on Sunday. "The Republican message is sort of muddled. What do they stand for? Right now it's opposition to Obama."

A debate is waging over whether that's enough — or whether the party has to be for something, anything really, to be able to claw its way back to the top. Similar hand-wringing happened in the GOP ahead of the 1994 midterms. Just weeks before those elections, Republicans came up with the Contract with America — and ended up taking control of Congress. Heading into the 2010 elections, the GOP also faces a very real split between conservatives who want to focus on social issues — which tend to work best during peaceful, prosperous times — and the rest of the party, which generally wants a broader vision, particularly given recession.

Proof of a divide is in the special election in New York's 23rd Congressional District. Potential 2012 presidential hopefuls trying to solidify their conservative credentials, Sarah Palin and Tim Pawlenty, endorsed Hoffman, a conservative third-party upstart, over the GOP-chosen

candidate, moderate Dierdre Scozzafava. Badly trailing in polls, she ended up dropping out and — in a slap at the GOP — endorsing Democrat Bill Owens.

The White House is suggesting that those developments show that hard-liners are taking over the GOP and the trend will affect the 2010 elections. Predicted presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs on Monday: "This is a model for what you'll see throughout the country."

Indeed, there are similar tensions in Senate primaries in Florida, California and elsewhere, where conservatives are challenging establishment-backed candidates.

Adding to the party's woes: No one — or rather everyone — is speaking for the GOP.

Fiery talk show hosts like Limbaugh and Glenn Beck have become the angry white face of the party, filling a vacuum created by Bush's departure as the its standard-bearer and the lack of one single person to emerge as its next generation leader.

The 2008 presidential nominee, John McCain, has all but disappeared from the Republican power structure. His running mate, Palin, refuses to disappear — much to the delight of tabloids and to the chagrin of elder party statesmen. And one of the most unpopular politicians in recent times, former Vice President Dick Cheney, keeps popping up to attack Obama — a reminder of the country's and the party's problems under Bush.

What's more, the GOP's ranks are thinning: Only 32 percent of respondents called themselves Republicans in a recent AP-GfK survey compared with 43 percent who called themselves Democrats. Also, the party's power center is mostly limited to the South, the one region McCain dominated last fall; Obama won almost everywhere else — including making inroads in emerging powerhouse regions like the West, although Republicans still solidly control several lightly populated states in the area.

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# Taking down failures: Who pays, when and how much?

By JIM KUHNHENN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — House Democrats are balking at an Obama administration plan that would put taxpayers on the hook for up to five years to dismantle any giant financial firm whose failure could repeat last year's Wall Street collapse.

The administration, through Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, and House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank agreed last week to assess the costs of a government takeover on a failing company's competitors. The companies would have 60 months after the fact to pay.

Angry that such a plan would make taxpayers the first line of defense when a company implodes, Democrats now plan to propose making large firms prepay premiums into a special fund that would be tapped when calamity strikes, Frank's spokesman said Monday.

Call it insurance vs. pay-as-you-fail.

The debate is hardly a simple accounting exercise. It goes to the heart of how government holds the industry accountable, how policy affects financial recklessness, and, perhaps most important, how far the executive branch should go in making taxpayers foot the bill for private sector failure, even if for a limited time.

The administration's plan, contained in draft legislation introduced last week, would recoup government costs of unwinding a failed institution from companies with assets of \$10 billion or more. The payments, however, would not have to occur for five years, meaning that taxpayers would have to front the expense.

And those expenses could be huge. The federal government, for instance, has carved out \$70 billion in taxpayer money so far to cover costs of unraveling the insurance conglomerate American

International Group.

At a hearing last week, several Democrats made their displeasure known. "No more bailouts," declared Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill. "Let them create the fund, the systemic risk fund, that will guarantee that the American taxpayer will no longer have to be involved should they cause such a crisis ever again."

Lawmakers weren't the only ones pushing for an upfront payment. The head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Sheila Bair, also argued against an after-the-fact assessment.

By Monday, Frank indicated he would support an amendment requiring firms to prepay. "Hopefully it will put together some kind of fund that will give us the kind of capital, so that there is not a temptation in the future to put taxpayers on the hook," Frank spokesman Steve Adamske said.

Requiring prepayment opens a whole new set of questions.

How big should the fund be? Who should pay and in what amounts? Adamske said those issues remain unresolved.

Large financial institutions oppose an upfront payment. They say new proposed regulations would already place a financial burden on them by requiring that they avoid over-leveraging by keeping more capital on hand.

Industry officials also say that paying after the fact would give companies an incentive to self police.

Geithner testified last week that creating an insurance fund with prepayments would also increase the danger that companies would act recklessly, because they would know that a fund was there to assist them. □

## Woman hit with car by Iraqi father in Arizona dies

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PHOENIX (AP) — A young Iraqi woman whose father allegedly hit her with his car because she had become too Westernized died from her injuries Monday after laying in a coma for nearly two weeks.

Noor Faleh Almaleki, 20, underwent spinal surgery and had been in a hospital since Oct. 20, when police say her father ran down her and her boyfriend's mother with his Jeep as the women were walking across a parking lot in the west Phoenix suburb of Peoria.

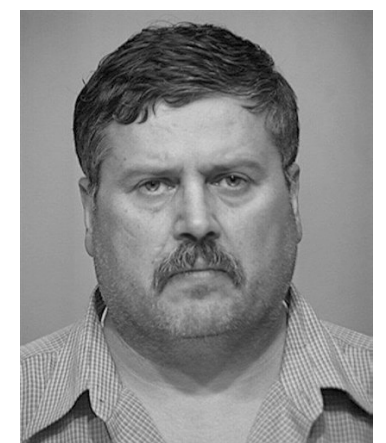
The other woman, Amal Khalaf, is expected to survive.

Faleh Hassan Almaleki, 48, fled after the attack but was arrested Thursday when he arrived at Atlanta's airport, where he was sent from the United Kingdom after authorities denied him entrance.

Peoria police interviewed him and brought him back to Arizona over the weekend, but have declined to release what Almaleki said to them.

At a court hearing over the weekend in Phoenix, county prosecutor Stephanie Low told a judge that Almaleki admitted to committing the crime.

"By his own admission, this was an intentional act and the reason was that his daughter had brought shame on him and his family," Low said.



In this undated photo provided by the Peoria Police Department, Faleh Almaleki is seen. Almaleki, an Iraqi immigrant accused of running down his daughter in Arizona with his car because she was becoming "too Westernized," has been arrested in Georgia, authorities said Friday, Oct. 30, 2009.

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"This was an attempt at an honor killing."

Family members had told police that Almaleki attacked his daughter because he believed she had become too Westernized and was not living according to his traditional Iraqi values.

Almaleki, wearing a jail uniform, said only his name and birth date during the hearing. He has declined requests to be interviewed.

Almaleki had faced charges of aggravated assault, but Peoria police spokesman Mike Tellef said the charges will be upgraded in light of Noor Faleh Almaleki's death.

Police said the Almalekis moved to Peoria from Iraq in the mid-1990s.

## Soldier arrested over explosives in Tenn. field

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
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Associated Press Writers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An Army Special Forces soldier was arrested Monday after a pair of hunters found about 100 pounds of explosives outside his home near Fort Campbell.

Timothy Ryan Richards was charged with possessing two unregistered guns, and Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent Eric Kehn (KEEN) said he expects Richards will face more charges related to the explosives.

A sworn statement said agents found about 100 pounds of explosives — including C-4, a plastic explosive commonly used by the military. The material was sealed in watertight containers and partially buried near his home outside of Clarksville, near the sprawling Army post on the Tennessee-Kentucky state line.

Joel Siskovic, a spokesman for the FBI in Tennessee, said agents from the Joint Terrorism Task Force were called to the scene, but determined there was no terrorism connection.

According to police, two hunters found the explosives early Sunday morning and alerted the sheriff's department.

ATF agents contacted Richards and he told agents that he had placed the explosives there, according to the affidavit.

Agents also found a 5.56mm caliber rifle and a .45 caliber machine gun inside his home.

Maj. April Olsen, a spokeswoman for the Army Special Forces at Fort Campbell, confirmed that he was a member of the 5th Special Forces Group, but his age and rank weren't immediately available.

He appeared in court handcuffed in green coveralls. U.S. Magistrate Clifton Knowles ordered the federal public defender's office to represent him and that he be held until a hearing Thursday.

He didn't make any statements, but acknowledged to the judge that he understand the charge. He faces a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted on the weapons charge.

Another Fort Campbell soldier was arrested in October and charged with selling four stolen hand grenades and a stolen anti-tank rocket to an undercover officer in Tennessee.

Prosecutors said the transaction with Pfc. Joshua Bartlett Etherton, a 101st Airborne Division soldier, was arranged after police in the small town of Paris received a tip, but they would not say who he believed was the buyer.

He remains held without bond. □





Afghan President Hamid Karzai, left, shakes hands with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. The U.N. chief made a surprise visit to Afghanistan as Afghanistan's election commission has canceled Saturday's presidential runoff and proclaimed Karzai victor of the war-ravaged nation's tumultuous ballot.

**KARZAI'S ELECTION**  
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Adding fewer forces than McChrystal really wants at the outset could give the

administration additional flexibility later, officials have said. The option carries political risks, however, since Democrats weary of the war

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will rue any increase in the U.S. fighting force while giving McChrystal less than full measure opens the White House to criticism from the right that it is undercutting U.S. troops.

Abdullah's decision to withdraw from the runoff brought huge relief to organizers who were scrambling to hold the election before the onset of Afghanistan's harsh winter. Afghan and international officials feared a wave of bloody violence on polling day after the Taliban threatened attacks against anyone who took part.

Karzai initially won a majority of votes in the first-round balloting last August. But fraud investigators threw out nearly a third of his votes, dropping him below the 50 percent threshold needed to win outright. Under intense U.S. pressure, he reluctantly agreed to accept those findings and agree to a runoff.

The commission chairman, Azizullah Lodin, declared that Abdullah's move Sunday to withdraw meant the president won a majority of the votes cast among the dozens of other candidates in the first round and proclaimed him the winner.

"This has been a difficult election process for

Afghanistan, and lessons must be learned," U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon said Monday during a surprise visit to Kabul. "Afghanistan now faces significant challenges and the new president must move swiftly to form a government that is able to command the support of both the Afghan people and the international community."

In Washington, two U.S. officials involved in the strategy discussions said a flawed second round would have left Karzai with even less credibility. Abdullah's move to highlight fraud charges puts pressure on Karzai to move vigorously to combat corruption.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Obama has not announced his decision on strategy and troops.

"We're prepared to work with this partner, who was elected according to Afghan laws in an election that was conducted by Afghan institutions, and we have a big stake in Afghanistan," State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said. "The international community has a big stake in Afghanistan and we stand ready to support them as they go forward."

An Afghan close to Karzai said the president was

under strong international pressure to include Abdullah supporters and others from outside his campaign in the new government. He said Karzai was unhappy with the pressure because he feared a government with so many critics would be unwieldy and "nothing will get done." He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to discuss the issue publicly.

Karzai turned down a power-sharing deal offered on the eve of Abdullah's announcement, according to Western diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the talks.

Nevertheless, several Afghan politicians with ties to Karzai said they expect him to offer some Cabinet posts to Abdullah's supporters and others outside his campaign now that he has been declared the winner.

"We are speculating that there will be or already has been some kind of agreement or consensus for the sake of national unity to give some posts to Dr. Abdullah and his close associates," said Khalid Pashtun, a prominent lawmaker. "I would think, however, that it is a good possibility that he could be offered the foreign ministry and perhaps also finance and education."

Pashtun's brother Yusuf Pashtun, Karzai's minister of urban affairs, said he had no firm word on whether Cabinet posts would be offered to Abdullah but "my feeling is I would like to see him on the team."

During the campaign, Karzai rejected calls for a coalition but said he would support a "government of national unity," in effect giving former opponents state jobs or Cabinet posts but subordinate to him.

Opposition to formal coalition government runs deep among Afghans, who associate the term with the chaotic alliance of armed factions that tried to rule after the collapse of the pro-Soviet regime in 1992. The alliance broke apart, triggering a civil war that destroyed much of Kabul and paved the way for the rise of the Taliban. □

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# Clinton eases praise of Israel after Arab concerns

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AP National Security Writer  
MARRAKECH, Morocco (AP) — Trying to mute Arab criticism that the Obama administration had retreated from its tough stance on Israeli settlements, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday softened her praise for Israel's offer to restrain new housing in Palestinian areas.

While Israel was moving in the right direction in its offer to restrict but not stop the settlements, Clinton said, its offer "falls far short" of U.S. expectations.

Clinton said her earlier praise of Israel's offer, during a stop in Jerusalem, had been intended as "positive reinforcement." But her comment drew widespread criticism from Persian Gulf ministers who interpreted it as a U.S. drawback on settlements, which have been the main obstacle to a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

In a sign of U.S. eagerness to calm Arab concerns, Clinton is extending her trip by one day to fly to Cairo to meet with President Hosni Mubarak on Wednesday, her staff announced. She had been scheduled to return to Washington on Tuesday.

Clinton's comments in Jerusalem on Saturday appeared to reflect a realization within the Obama administration that Netanyahu's government will not accept a full-on settlement freeze and that a partial halt may be the best lesser option. Her appeal on Saturday seemed designed to make the Israeli position more palatable to the Palestinians and Arab states.

Clinton had traveled to the region only reluctantly, concerned her visit might be seen as a failure, according to several U.S. officials. She agreed to meet Israeli and Palestinian

leaders after pressure from the White House, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal administration thinking.

During a photo-taking session Monday with her Moroccan counterpart, Clinton was asked by a reporter about the Arab reaction, and she responded by reading from a written statement that appeared designed to counter the skepticism about the Obama administration's views on settlements.

"Successive American administrations of both parties have opposed Israel's settlement policy," she said. "That is absolutely a fact, and the Obama administration's position on settlements is clear, unequivocal and it has not changed. As the president has said on many occasions, the United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements."

Clinton's tweaking of her earlier remarks appeared to satisfy at least some of the Morocco meeting attendees. Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said Monday that "we have heard her say something completely different from that statement in line with previous statements, so we are happy that such a position was highlighted and brought back to the right line and right now we will see how things will go."

Malki added that "we completely appreciate the sincere efforts made by President Barack Obama and his team to take this issue as a top priority and to try to deal with it from day one."

In her recalibrated comments Monday, Clinton also called on the Israelis to do more to improve "movement and access" for Palestinians and on Israeli

security arrangements.

She added, however, that Israel deserved praise for moving in the right direction.

"This offer falls far short of what we would characterize as our position or what our preference would be," she added. "But if it is acted upon, it will be an unprecedented restriction on settlements and would have a significant and meaningful effect on restraining their growth."

In her statement to reporters, Clinton also stressed that the Palestinian authorities deserved credit for what she called "unprecedented" steps to improve security in the West Bank and praised the Palestinians for progress in training their security forces.

On Monday evening, Clinton met with representatives of the Gulf Cooperation Council, plus officials from Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco. Clinton also flew Monday to the south-central city of Ouarzazate for an audience with King Mohammed VI, then returned to Marrakech for talks with foreign ministers of several Persian Gulf nations.

Clinton was expected to meet separately with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, not seen, reacts during a press conference in Jerusalem. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says Israel is making "unprecedented" concessions on West Bank settlement construction. The U.S. administration had previously demanded Israel halt all settlement building before negotiations could resume. But speaking at a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday, Clinton said "there has never been a precondition. It has always been an issue with negotiations."

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Saud al-Faisal, who has rejected U.S. appeals for improved Arab relations with Israel as a way to help restart Middle East peace talks.

After taking office in January, Obama buoyed Palestinian hopes for progress toward establishing a Palestinian state with his outreach to the Muslim world and an initially tough stance urging a full freeze to all settlement construction.

But after making little headway with the Israelis in recent months, Clinton urged Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas in a

face-to-face meeting in Abu Dhabi on Saturday to renew talks, which broke down late last year, without conditions. Abbas said no, insisting that Israel first halt all settlement activity in the West Bank and east Jerusalem — lands the Palestinians claim for a future state. Then, at a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu late Saturday in Jerusalem, Clinton praised Netanyahu's offer to curb some settlement construction, saying it was an unprecedented gesture.



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# Evangelical march in Brazil draws 1.5 million

ANDRE PENNER

Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO (AP) — More than 1.5 million evangelical Christians joined Brazil's annual "March for Jesus" on Monday, an event sponsored by a church whose leaders recently returned after being imprisoned in the U.S. for money smuggling.

Now in its 17th year, the march unites faithful from hundreds of evangelical churches and attracts dozens of Christian bands, preachers and local celebrities.

It is organized by the powerful Reborn in Christ Church, whose leaders said they expected 5 million people to gather around a central Sao Paulo plaza where the main stage was located.

Hundreds of thousands followed Estevam Hernandes Filho and his wife, Sonia Haddad Moraes Hernandes, along the 2.5-mile (4-kilometer) route of the march, and still more gathered at the



Evangelical protestants gather for the annual March for Jesus in Sao Paulo, Monday, Nov. 2, 2009.

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plaza.

Police said more than 1.5 million people turned out by mid-afternoon.

The couple returned to Brazil in August after serving five months in prison, five months under house arrest in Florida and two months of probation

for not declaring \$56,000 in cash they were carrying on a flight from Sao Paulo to Miami. The money was hidden in a child's backpack and a Bible case, among other bags.

Filho said the theme of this year's gathering — "March to Topple Giants" — refers

to evangelicals' battle against "discrimination, misunderstanding and mainly the stereotypes" in Brazil.

Brazil is home to more Roman Catholics than any other country but has seen a steady increase in the number of evangelicals in recent

Morocco and Jordan.

"Acceptance fully of this proposal ... would be a good indication that Iran does not wish to be isolated and does wish to cooperate with the international community," she said, adding Iran should accept it as it stands, "because we are not altering it."

Some experts say, however, that Iran has little reason to trust the West and for that reason may be in no hurry to cut a deal.

"Iran believes time is on their side for now," said Mustafa Alani, a regional analyst at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai.

The dispute allows Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his hard-line allies to claim the high ground as defenders of Iran's national dignity through its strides in nuclear technology. It also provides Ahmadinejad a chance to broaden support after June's disputed elections, because even his harshest opponents take pride in Iran's nuclear accomplishments.

In a posting on a government Web site, Ahmadinejad scolded the West for what he called a history of broken

promises. Iran, he said, "looks at the talks with no trust."

On Monday, ElBaradei called for confidence building measures on all sides.

"The issue at stake remains that of mutual guarantees amongst the parties," ElBaradei said, adding "trust and confidence-building are an incremental process that requires focusing on the big picture and a willingness to take risks for peace."

Mohammad Khazaei, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, blasted ElBaradei for failing to cite Israel, which is widely believed to possess nuclear weapons, for failing to comply with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT).

"This regime (Israel) as the only non-party to the NPT in the Middle East is the main obstacle in establishing the nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East," he said, adding "As we have stressed time and again, Iran's nuclear program is, and has always been for peaceful purposes."

While Iran insists it is interested only in enriching uranium for use in a future network of nuclear reactors, it

decades.

According to the 2000 census, 74 percent of Brazilians identify as Catholics, down from 84 percent in 1990. Fifteen percent classified themselves as evangelical Protestants, up from 9 percent in 1990. Andrea Pazin, a 33-year-old human resources manager, bundled her two young children and husband into a car and drove 150 miles from interior Sao Paulo state for the march.

"It's one giant party for Jesus," she said, standing among a noisy throng of revelers.

While this year's march is a homecoming of sorts for Filho and Hernandes following their stint in prison, Pazin said the parade was a show of force for a higher power.

"We march every year, with or without them. They are important to us — they founded the church," she said. "But what is happening here is bigger than them. It's a celebration for Jesus." □



Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, attends a joint press conference with the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Ali Akbar Salehi, unseen, in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009.

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ELBARADEI

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"This is a unique and fleeting opportunity to reverse course from confrontation to cooperation and should, therefore, not be missed," he added.

The U.S. and other powers are concerned Iran may be enriching uranium for use in nuclear weapons, while Tehran insists its program is strictly for research and energy production.

Iran's mixed messages also appeared geared toward

pushing the plan's main backers into further talks, something those countries oppose as a delaying tactic. Speaking in Morocco, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the proposal will not be changed. "We continue to press the Iranians to accept fully the proposal that has been made, which they accepted in principle," she said at a news conference after consulting with senior government officials from several Persian Gulf nations, plus Egypt,

has amassed more than 3,300 pounds (1,500 kilograms) of low-enriched uranium — more than enough to arm a nuclear warhead.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, who spoke to reporters in Kuala Lumpur, simply replied "No," when asked if his country had rejected the plan that would commit his country to ship out most of its enriched uranium.

Instead, he said Iran has three options to procure fuel for its reactor; to buy the fuel from other countries; to enrich the uranium domestically, or to accept the U.N.-brokered plan.

In contrast, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's chief envoy to the IAEA, said Iran wanted to purchase ready-made uranium from abroad for the research reactor.

"We want to buy the fuel from any supplier," he told The Associated Press, fending off repeated questions on whether this meant the rejection of the export plan.

Soltanieh's comments were the most concrete statement yet by a government official of what the Iranian government wanted. □



# Rival Somali groups fight over British couple

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Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Rival pirates and militia groups have fought for control over a British couple held hostage for more than a week, an Islamic militia commander and a local elder said Monday. The couple were not injured in the fighting.

Meanwhile, a U.S.-flagged cargo vessel with 21 Americans aboard came under gunfire from suspected Somali pirates but managed to escape, a U.S. Navy spokesman said.

Elders sent local fighters to thwart an attempt by some of the pirates holding the couple to take them to an extremist Islamic group, said a commander of a rival moderate Islamic militia who gave his name only as Ilka'ase.

"We did not want the pirates to use our territory to hold hostages or hand them over to another group. We took up arms with the help of (the moderate Islamic group) Ahlu Sunna Waljama and opposed" the other group, said Hussein Mohamed Kahiye, a clan elder in the central Somali village of Bahdo.

It was not possible to independently verify the reported fight over the British couple. The couple had been held on a ship at sea, but Kahiye said the couple were now in the coastal areas and traveling in two minibuses and an all-terrain vehicle.

A pirate claiming to speak on behalf of the group holding the British couple had said on Saturday that they want a \$7 million ransom to release Paul and Rachel Chandler. The British government has said it would not pay a ransom.

The Chandlers were headed to Tanzania in their yacht, the Lynn Rival, when a distress

signal was sent Oct. 23. The British navy found their empty yacht last Thursday, and the Chandlers have been in sporadic contact with the British media since.

Also Monday, the MV Harriette was targeted by pirates aboard two skiffs about 360 nautical miles off Mombasa, Kenya, Lt. Nate Christensen said. The pirates — about six in each craft — came within 3 feet of the cargo vessel but were unable to board, Christensen said from U.S. 5th Fleet headquarters in Bahrain.

No one on the U.S. ship was injured, he said, and no other details of the incident were available from the U.S. Navy, which is part of anti-piracy patrols off the Horn of Africa.

A security officer with Sealift Inc., the company that operates the MV Harriette, said the captain steered the ship to prevent the pirates getting on board and drew fire from the pirates.

The captain, "was able to turn away from the boat, he was able to maneuver to keep the small boats far away so that they could not get a ladder on the boat (MV Harriette)," John Belle told The Associated Press from the company's headquarters in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

"After they attempted to board and they were unsuccessful ... they did fire. No one was injured. Some of the rounds hit the lifeboat of the ship," Belle said. He said the attack ended within 25 minutes.

Belle said the Harriette has a 21-member crew who are all Americans. The ship had offloaded U.S. food aid at the Kenyan port of Mombasa, where it had been since Oct. 20. The Harriette had set sail for Mumbai, India on Sunday, Belle said.

The attack came a day after a Norwegian warship clashed

with suspected Somali pirates, the European Union's anti-piracy force said.

A statement from the force said a team from Norwegian warship HNOMS Fridjof Nansen on Sunday went to talk to the crew of four fishing boats near Alula, a northeastern Somali coastal village known for piracy.

The crew on the first three boats cooperated but when the Norwegian team approached the fourth boat, shots were fired at them. The team fired in self-defense and retreated to avoid further violence, the statement said.

Alula village head Hareed Issa Omar claimed the Norwegian team fired first, killing a Somali and a Yemeni man — whom he said were fishermen and not pirates.

Norwegian military spokesman John Espen Lien said Monday that Norway was "not able to confirm or deny" allegations by local authorities that two men were killed.

Lien added that the Norwegian navy was escorting a cargo ship transporting U.N. World Food Program food aid to Somalia.

The Horn of Africa nation does not have a navy or coast guard because it has not had an effective central government for 18 years. Warlords overthrew longtime dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991. They then turned on each other, plunging Somalia into chaos and anarchy and creating the lawlessness that has allowed piracy to flourish off the country's coast.

Pirates attacks in 2009 already have exceeded last year's total off the Horn of Africa, an international maritime watchdog group reported last month.

A total of 306 attacks were reported between January and September, surpassing the 293 incidents recorded throughout 2008, according



In this undated photo made available by the family, Paul and Rachel Chandler, who went missing when sailing from the Seychelles to Tanzania after sending a distress signal on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, are seen at an unknown location. The British navy on Thursday found an empty yacht in international waters belonging to the missing British couple and a defense official said Somali pirates may have transferred them to another vessel. International naval forces have been searching for the couple for days. Paul and Rachel Chandler were heading to Tanzania in their yacht, the Lynn Rival, when a distress signal was sent last Friday.

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to a statement released by the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

As a further example of Somalia's lawlessness, two Somali men tried and failed on Monday to hijack an airplane operated by Somali company Diallo Airlines, a company official said.

The attempted hijacking took place minutes after the Antonov plane carrying 30 passengers had taken off from the northeastern Somali port town of Bossaso, said

Ahmed Yare, the marketing manager.

Yare said when the hijackers drew guns on the aircraft, passengers challenged them, confusing the hijackers and allowing the pilots to turn the plane back to Bossaso. On the ground, the hijackers tried to escape but police caught them after a brief gunbattle during which one hijacker was wounded. Neither the passengers were injured nor was the plane damaged, said Yare. It resumed its flight to neighboring Djibouti, Yare said. □

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### NBA Roundup

# Celtics beat Hornets 97-87 to improve to 4-0

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 27 points as the Boston Celtics continued their unbeaten start to the NBA season with a 97-87 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Sunday night.

Chris Paul had 22 points and eight assists for New Orleans, and then had to be held back after the game when he tried to follow the Celtics off the court to their locker room. Paul and Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo also exchanged words in the second quarter, drawing matching technical fouls.

Ray Allen scored 17, Kevin Garnett had 14 and Rondo had 10 assists for Boston, which pulled away with an 11-3 run in the last 4 minutes.

Peja Stojakovic scored 26 as a reserve for New Orleans. Emeka Okafor had 10 rebounds for New Orleans.

#### Heat 95, Bulls 87

At Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 25 points to push his career total to 10,005, while Udonis Haslem had 19 points and 11 rebounds off the bench as Miami improved to 3-0. Carlos Arroyo scored 12 points, Mario Chalmers added 11 and Michael Beasley overcame a 3-of-12 shooting night to finish with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat, who took the lead for good on a jumper by Wade with 3:01 remaining.

Luol Deng scored 26 points for Chicago, which got 17 points from John Salmons, 11 from Brad Miller and 10 from Joakim Noah.

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant had 41 points and eight rebounds and Andrew Bynum added 21 points as the Lakers pulled away with 18 consecutive points in the third quarter for a 118-110 victory over Atlanta.

Lamar Odom had 11 points,

14 rebounds and eight assists for the defending NBA champions, who bounced back from a loss to Dallas with an overwhelming second half in Atlanta's first defeat.

Joe Johnson scored 18 of his 27 points in the first quarter for the Hawks, who opened a four-game road trip with an embarrassing third quarter before a late run made the score respectable.

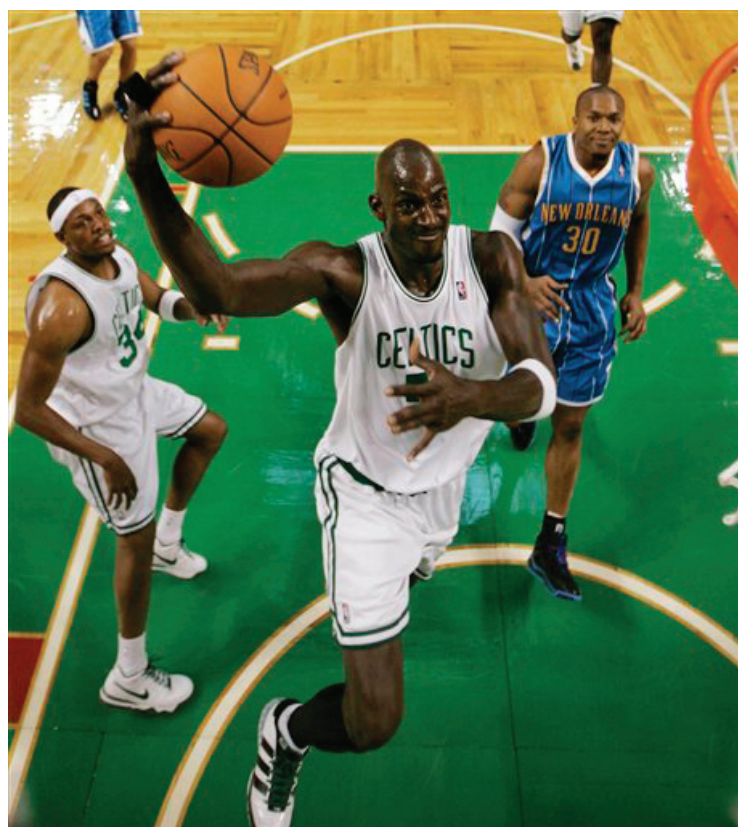
Bryant capped the 97th 40-point game of his career with eight points in the final minutes to hold off the Hawks' last rally.

#### Nuggets 133, Grizzlies 123

At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 42 points in the Nuggets' shootout win over the Grizzlies.

O.J. Mayo scored a career-high 40 points for Memphis.

Chauncey Billups chipped in 22 points and 12 assists, and Kenyon Martin had 16



Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett goes up to dunk on New Orleans Hornets forward David West (30) as teammate Paul Pierce looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009.

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### NHL Roundup

## Lundqvist earns 150th win in shutout of Bruins



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, right, makes a save as teammate Dan Girardi (5) defends against Boston Bruins' Patrice Bergeron (37) in the first period during an NHL hockey game Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, in New York.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist stopped 29 shots for his 150th NHL victory

and 21st career shutout, and Marian Gaborik returned from injury and scored for the fourth

straight game as the New York Rangers beat the Boston Bruins 1-0 on Sunday.

With most New York sports fans focused on a pair of NFL games involving local teams and the Yankees' World Series run, the Rangers returned home from a disappointing road trip in which they went 0-2 without Gaborik and beat the stingy Bruins.

Boston continued its season-long trend of alternating wins and losses, absorbing a tough-luck defeat one day after backup goalie Tuukka Rask shut out Edmonton at home.

Sharks 5, Hurricanes 1  
In other NHL games it was, N.Y. Rangers 1, Boston 0; San Jose 5, Carolina 1; Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT; and Vancouver 3, Colorado 0. □

and Nene 18. All five of the Grizzlies' starters scored in double figures. Marc Gasol had 20 points.

At Phoenix, Channing Frye hit six 3-pointers and scored 25 points, and Jason Richardson had 23 points in his first game following a two-game suspension for the undefeated Suns.

Grant Hill had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix. Amare Stoudemire added 19 points and eight rebounds, and Steve Nash had 14 points and 14 assists.

Ryan Gomes led Minnesota with 23 points. Al Jefferson scored 21 but hit only 9-of-23 shots.

At Toronto, Jameer Nelson scored 30 points, J.J. Redick had a career-high 27 and Orlando used a season-high 17 3-pointers to beat Toronto. Dwight Howard had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Ryan Anderson scored 20 and the Magic remained unbeaten from three NBA matches following an 8-0 run in the preseason.

Chris Bosh led Toronto with 35 points and 16 rebounds while Andrea Bargnani had 26, including 22 in the second half. Former Magic swingman Hedo Turkoglu had 19 points for Toronto, which has lost two straight following a season-opening victory over Cleveland.

At Oklahoma City, Steve Blake scored 18 points and Brandon Roy finished with 16 as Portland earned a split of a two-game trip.

In other games it was, Orlando 125, Toronto 116; Miami 95, Chicago 87; Boston 97, New Orleans 87; Portland 83, Oklahoma City 74; Denver 133, Memphis 123; Phoenix 120, Minnesota 112; and L.A. Lakers 118, Atlanta 110. □



# Rodriguez, Yankees beat Phils for 3-1 Series lead

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AP Baseball Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alex Rodriguez delivered the biggest hit of his career, a go ahead two-out double in the ninth inning off Brad Lidge as the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 on Sunday night for a 3-1 lead in the World Series.

Derek Jeter delivered all game and Mariano Rivera closed it out as the Yankees moved within one win of their 27th championship, and first since 2000.

Rodriguez could really savor this victory — seething after again being hit by a pitch, he struck back with his bat.

“There’s no question — I’ve never had a bigger hit,” Rodriguez said.

The Yankees will try to clinch it Monday night when A.J. Burnett faces October ace Cliff Lee.

Of the 42 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 36 went on to win the crown. The last club to overcome such a deficit was Kansas City in 1985.

Chase Utley and Pedro Feliz hit late home runs for the Phillies that tied it at 4. Then it moved to the ninth and Phils brought in Lidge — a postseason star last year, he had struggled all season before regaining his



New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira, left, and Alex Rodriguez, second from right, celebrate after scoring on Jorge Posada's two-run single in the ninth inning of Game 4 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, in Philadelphia.

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touch this October.

But November was not so kind to him.

Lidge had been the only closer in the playoffs who hadn't allowed a run until the Yankees tagged him. With two outs, Johnny Damon capped a nine-pitch at-bat with a single. The Phillies overshifted their infield to the right side for Mark Teixeira and Damon

took off.

Damon beat the one-hop throw to steal second, popped up from his slide and noticed no one was covering third. That's because Feliz had handled the throw, and Damon easily beat the third baseman to the bag for a rare double-steal?

Rattled or whatever, Lidge hit Teixeira with a pitch. So up stepped Rodriguez, 1 for

13 to that point in his first World Series and looking nothing like the feared slugger he was earlier in these playoffs.

Putting all his past postseason failures behind, Rodriguez lined a solid double into the left-field corner for a 5-4 lead.

Maybe it wasn't such a surprise — Rodriguez had homered and doubled in

three prior at-bats against Lidge.

“I get a good pitch and put a good swing on it, good things usually happen,” Rodriguez said. “Facing Brad Lidge, he’s a great competitor. He’s had a lot of success late here. Just trying to make contact there.”

Rodriguez stood at second with his 15th RBI, tying the Yankees postseason record shared by Bernie Williams and Scott Brosius. A-Rod's other hit this week came in Game 3 when his double was changed to a home run after an instant replay review.

The crowd was silent when Jorge Posada followed with a two-run single. And just like that, the Yankees were on the verge of celebrating and the defending champion Phillies were on the brink of losing the series.

Feliz rocked Yankees setup man Joba Chamberlain with a two-out, solo home run in the eighth that tied it at 4.

Utley homered again off CC Sabathia, finishing the New York starter in the seventh. It was Utley's third shot off Sabathia in this Series and closed the Phillies to 4-3. □

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# American Meb Keflezighi wins NYC Marathon

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NEW YORK (AP) — Meb Keflezighi became the first U.S. man to win the New York City Marathon since 1982 on Sunday, a victory that capped an outstanding day for American distance running.

Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia captured the women's race, with two-time defending champ Paula Radcliffe falling back to fourth, and grabbing her left leg in pain after finishing.

Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, learned after a disappointing performance in the U.S. Olympic trials in New York two years ago he had a stress fracture in his hip. He capped the long and painful comeback with a landmark victory on Sunday against a strong field for his first major marathon title.

That day in 2007 he also lost close friend Ryan Shay, who collapsed and died during the race. Keflezighi said the tears he shed after winning were for Shay.

Born in Eritrea, the 34-year-old runner became a U.S. citizen in 1998. He was second in New York in 2004 and third in 2005. Wearing "USA" on the front of his jersey, Keflezighi won in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 15 seconds.

"The USA gave me all the opportunities there is in education, sports and lifestyle," he said. "To be able to represent the USA is a big thing for me."

A field of nearly 44,000 started the 40th edition of the race. The 53-degree weather was about perfect for the runners, although they were slowed by 14 mph winds.

Keflezighi pulled away from Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya in the 23rd mile to beat the four-time Boston Marathon champ by 41 seconds.



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Alberto Salazar had been the last American men's champion, taking three straight titles from 1980-82.

Morocco's Jaouad Gharib finished third and Ryan Hall of the U.S. was fourth on a day when six Americans were in the top 10 for the first time since 1979. The race doubled as the national men's marathon championship. Ludmila Petrova, a 41-year-old Russian, was the runner-up for the second straight year in the women's race, while Christelle Daunay of France was third.

Radcliffe said she had tendinitis behind her knee. The world record-holder from Britain failed to win a marathon for just the third time in 11 starts.

The 37-year-old Tulu won Olympic gold medals on the track in the 10,000 meters in 1992 and 2000. Her only marathon title came in London in 2001. She had struggled with her weight and endurance after the birth of her second daughter three years ago. But when she ran well at a half-marathon in Philadelphia on Sept. 20, she decided to enter New York.

"I did not come here necessarily expecting to win," she said, "but I did expect to be a strong competitor." □

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# Zelayistas presionan para pronto cumplimiento de acuerdo en Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters)

- Diputados partidarios del depuesto presidente de Honduras Manuel Zelaya presionaban el lunes para que el Congreso se reuniera rápidamente y decida sobre la restitución del líder, punto principal de un acuerdo para cerrar la crisis originada tras el golpe de Estado.

Delegados de Zelaya y del Gobierno de facto presidido por Roberto Micheletti llegaron el viernes a un acuerdo que dispone que el Congreso debe votar si restituye al líder, luego que parte del cuerpo legislativo apoyó su derrocamiento el 28 de junio por considerar que violó la Constitución para buscar su reelección.

Ahora, la disyuntiva está en cuándo será tomada la decisión en vista de que el Congreso unicameral de Honduras de 128 diputados se encuentra en receso mientras los legisladores hacen campaña para las elecciones presidenciales del 29 de noviembre.

Diputados afines a Zelaya dicen que si no hay convocatoria este



Soldados afuera de la embajada de Brasil en Tegucigalpa, 1 nov 2009. Diputados partidarios del depuesto presidente de Honduras Manuel Zelaya presionaban el lunes para que el Congreso se reuniera rápidamente y decida sobre la restitución del líder, punto principal de un acuerdo para cerrar la crisis originada tras el golpe de Estado. REUTERS/Oswaldo Rivas

lunes, llamarán a una sesión extraordinaria de acuerdo a lo considerado en facultades del reglamento legislativo.

Mientras que partidarios de Micheletti creen que la votación debe aplazarse hasta después de las elecciones. El diputado liberal zelayista Javier

Hall dijo que los legisladores del Partido Liberal -con 62 diputados en el parlamento- se reunirán el lunes para forzar una convocatoria a la sesión de restitución, si es que la directiva del Congreso no lo hace antes.

Rasel Tomé, asesor político de Zelaya, dijo a Radio Globo que tenía información

de que el procedimiento de convocatoria está en marcha y que el martes puede haber una sesión.

No obstante, el jefe de bancada del opositor Partido Nacional, Antonio Rivera, comentó a Reuters que hasta ahora no hay información de una convocatoria y que si la hubiese lo sabría.

El acuerdo, que los negociadores de Zelaya y Micheletti llaman por nombres distintos, ha suscitado fuertes diferencias de interpretación. Zelaya sostiene que sólo hay acuerdo si es restituido en el cargo y que debe cumplirse esta semana, mientras que los partidarios de Micheletti dicen que sólo debe votarse la restitución y que el acuerdo se cumple incluso si el resultado no favorece al mandatario depuesto.

El acuerdo de Tegucigalpa, como lo llaman los partidarios de Zelaya, o de Guaymuras, como le dice el Gobierno de facto, tendrá su primera prueba el jueves, cuando debe estar conformado un Gobierno de unidad con secretarios y subsecretarios de distintos grupos políticos y sociales.

Para el martes está prevista la conformación de una comisión de verificación de los acuerdos, con la llegada de los representantes designados por la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA): Hilda Solís, secretaria del Trabajo de Estados Unidos y el ex presidente chileno, Ricardo Lagos. □

## Sismo sacude extensa región en suroeste de Colombia

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - Un temblor de magnitud 4,5 sacudió el lunes una extensa zona en el suroeste de Colombia sin causar víctimas ni daños materiales, informó el Instituto Geofísico Nacional.

El epicentro del sismo, que se registró a las 07:18 hora local (1218 GMT), se ubicó cerca del municipio de Versalles, en el departamento del Valle del Cauca, a una profundidad de 66 kilómetros. Un temblor de esa intensidad puede provocar daños en zonas densamente pobladas, de acuerdo con los expertos. Los sismos son relativamente frecuentes en diferentes regiones de Colombia.

La región cafetera del centro del país sudamericano fue sacudida en enero de 1999 por un terremoto de magnitud 6,2 que dejó 1.230 personas muertas, cerca de 5.000 heridos y 250.000 damnificados, en la que fue la peor tragedia natural de Colombia en la última década. □

## Colombia expulsa efectivo Guardia venezolana en medio de crisis

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - Colombia expulsó el domingo a un sargento de la Guardia Nacional venezolana capturado por efectivos de la policía y reveló que el militar entregó información sensible para su seguridad nacional que está siendo evaluada.

La expulsión de José Gamardo Barreto, quien tiene el grado de sargento mayor, se produjo en medio de una crisis en las relaciones diplomáticas de Colombia y Venezuela.

“Por razones de seguridad nacional fue expulsado de Colombia Wilmer José Gamardo Barreto”, dijo un comunicado del Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad (DAS) de Colombia.

“Dicho procedimiento tuvo lugar en el Puente Internacional de Paraguachón, zona fronteriza, donde las autoridades migratorias del DAS hicieron oficialmente la entrega a funcionarios de la Oficina del Servicio

Administrativo de Identificación y Extranjería (SAIME) de Venezuela”, precisó.

El DAS aseguró que respetó todos los derechos del venezolano, arrestado el sábado en el departamento de la Guajira cuando se desplazaba uniformado y armado por territorio colombiano en un automóvil y dijo que recibió del mismo información importante para la seguridad de Colombia.

“En las entrevistas de verificación realizadas por las autoridades migratorias del DAS, el ciudadano venezolano entregó información sensible para la seguridad de Colombia, la cual está siendo evaluada”, aseguró.

La expulsión se conoció horas después de que Venezuela aseguró que nueve colombianos asesinados en su territorio por un grupo armado sin identificar pertenecían a una organización paramilitar que entrenaba con intenciones desconocidas. □





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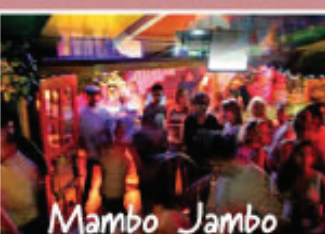
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